

TITLE: Procedure for Hearing Panel

Under §8-54-10 (b) of Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board may hold hearings according to the following:

§8-54-10 (b)

Hearing. The board or a panel of the board shall constitute the hearing panel and the board chair or designee shall serve as the hearing officer.

Because the number and complexity of professional fitness and contested case hearings has increased since the formation of the Board, a panel of the Board will hear cases and make a recommendation to the full Board in order to give adequate time to each hearing. A panel of the Board will adhere to the following criteria:

- As closely as possible, the panel will be composed of:
 - The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, who will serve as hearing officer;
 - Three Board members, including:
 - One teacher member;
 - One principal member;
- Panels will be convened as needed, but at a minimum on a quarterly basis;
- The panel will submit their written recommendation to the full Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting;
- All other conditions and procedures of Board hearings as described in the HTSB Administrative Rules §8-54-10(b) will apply to any hearing conducted by a panel of the Board.

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Referred to: Teacher Standards Committee